



MONDAY, DECEMBER 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop

6:30 am Donna Glaser +
12:05 pm A.A./Helen/Ab John Sulak +++ and
Mary M. Zhanel +

No 6:30 pm Mass

TUESDAY, DEC. 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop

No 6:30 am & 12:05 pm Masses

6:30 pm Anticipated Mass for Holy Day (Spanish)
Sr. Edna Gonzalez Birthday Intention

WED., DEC. 8--Immaculate Conception of Mary

Holy Day of Obligation Masses:

6:30 am John Barto +
12:05 p.m. F. L. Dick Harrison + and
Georgie Byrd +

Adoration after 12:05 pm Mass until 5:00 pm

6:30 pm Lillian C. Valek + and
Edyth Harrison +

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9—St. Juan Diego, hermit

6:30 am Georgie A. Zabochnik +
12:05 pm Cecelia Kucera + and
Marvin Slovacek +

6:30 pm Spanish Sebastian Cerda +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 am M/M Joe H. Laza and Doris Godwin ++
12:05 pm Leslie R. Zabochnik Sr. + and
Frank and Jay Felcman ++

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11—St. Damascus, Pope

5:00 pm Jeff Salik + and
Wesley & Bessie Lanicek ++

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT, DECEMBER 12

7:30 am Deacon Dean Darnall + and
Duane Dolezalik +
10:30 am Louis Prachyl Jr. + and
Emilia & Joe Cervantes ++
1:00 pm Raquel Garcia +
and For the St. John Parish Community

No LIFE TEEN MASS and Life Night

MASS INTENTIONS EPIPHANY MISSION, ITALY

Sunday, Dec. 5, 9:30 am Albert & Catherine Elfrink ++
Wed., Dec. 8 (holy day Mass) For Epiphany Mission
Sunday, December 12, 9:30 am Deborah Castillo +

SPONSOR OF WEEK: AGTM ENGINEERING

*from the
Pastor's desk* 

Dear Saint John and Epiphany Parishioners,

On this Second Sunday of our Advent Season we continue to hear the Prophet Isaiah proclaim the Good News! He is coming! The long awaited Messiah! Our Savior!

Alive as Catholic Christians in the Year of Our Lord, 2010, we celebrate His Birthday, remembering that first Christmas....but we also await His Second Coming at the end of time.

So the words of St. John the Baptist still apply to each of us every day of our lives: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" We must be prepared for His arrival, whether it is for our mortal death or the end of the world. True preparation for Jesus always involves a heartfelt repentance from our sinful ways. Ways that we have chosen which would not be the ways of Jesus. These express themselves in thought, word and deed. With great excitement and diligence we must carefully examine our lives so that there will be nothing that could keep us from being ready for Jesus. We must be dressed for the wedding feast. We must clothe ourselves in holiness.

To do this we carefully lay out our clothing and make sure all is clean and ready. We think hard so we do not forget anything. We clean up and polish what is dirty. We go over our checklist, again and again. This is how we must prepare daily for the Coming of the Lord Jesus.

What happens in a family after you get yourself ready to go to the wedding feast? You begin to help the rest of the family members to get ready. Helping them to remember what they still need to do and going over their checklist with them. Helping them with what they do not have time or knowledge to do for themselves.

This is our job for Jesus! We are to make sure we are ready and then help as many people as possible to get ready too! Like the stewardess tells us as we prepare to takeoff, ". . . place the oxygen mask over your face then help someone else with theirs." This is the work of St. John the Baptist! We help to prepare the way of the Lord Jesus into the lives of others, by our witness to Jesus. Those whom we cannot help personally we prepare by our prayer and sacrifice for them, especially for those closest to us.

Don't forget to light that second candle on your Advent Wreath!
See you in Church!

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Love and prayers,
Father John

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent, December 5

- 8:45 am** RCIA Session/Rm 102 Compound
9:00 am Religious Education Classes and EDGE
KC Members will sell "Keep Christ in Christmas" plaques
Final signups for "Women of Grace" after Masses
9:00-1:00 St. John Library Open/Rm 106 Compound
1:30 pm KJT Meeting followed by Christmas Party
3:00 pm KJT Youth Christmas Party/KJT
2:00 pm KJZT Juniors Meeting/Rm 101 compound
5:00 pm Life Teen Mass and Life Night

Monday, December 6

Business Office closes at 4:00 pm today & reopen Thursday

Tuesday, December 7

- Business Office closed for Advent Staff Retreat
6:30 pm Anticipated Mass in Spanish for the holy day
7:00 pm Grief Recovery Session
7:00 pm Winter Walkers in SJ Gym (see notice)

Wednesday, December 8-Feast Immaculate Conception

- 6:30 am Mass-** Teens "Food for the Soul" —free Breakfast
Holy Day Masses 6:30 am, 12:05 and 6:30 pm (English)
Business Office closed for Holy Day
No Altar Society Meeting this month
7:00 pm Religious Ed Classes
No Life Teen D-Nite
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal/Church (after Mass)

Thursday, December 9

- 7:00 pm** *This Man is You* Session/Cafeteria

Saturday, December 11

- 7:00 am** *This Man is You* Session/Cafeteria
3:30 pm Confessions

Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:45 am** RCIA Session/Rm 102 Compound
No Religious Education Classes today
2:00-4:00 pm KC Christmas Party/KC
No Life Teen Mass and no Life Night

ALTAR SERVERS FOR LITURGIES

December 11, Saturday

- 5:00 pm** Hardy Walker/Joseph Baird

December 12, Sunday

- 7:30 am** Nate Allen/Tyler Novy/Josh Zapletal
10:30 am Tyler Gilmore/David Janousek/Kenny Janousek
No **5:00 pm** Life Teen Mass or Life Night

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 27 & 28

St. John Church Support Collection	\$ 13,578.47
Thanksgiving Collection for Helping Hands	783.00
Epiphany Church Support Collection	527.52
Epiphany Thanksgiving Collection	144.00

KJT MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY

The KJT Meeting will be today, Sunday, December 5, at **1:30 pm** with election of officers for 2011.

Presentation of 75 year membership pins will be awarded to Raymond Prachyl, Wesley Smid and Raymond T. Mach. 50 and 25 years pins will also be awarded.

The KJT Youth Christmas Party with election of officers will be at **3:00 pm**. Santa will also be present. Fried chicken will be provided, and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert for the party. All members are urged to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party for members and their families will be held from 2:00-4:00 pm next Sunday, December 12, at the KC hall.

Snacks will be provided and Santa will visit the kids!

KJZT JUNIORS MEETING

The KJZT Juniors will meet today, December 5, at 2:00 pm in Room 101 in the compound. The purpose is to regroup the society and make it fun and exciting. All KJZT youth, ages 2-18 are welcome to join. They would love to have many new members. The new junior director, Melissa Prachyl, has many fun projects planned, as well as community projects. Officers will be elected at this meeting. If you want to join but can't make the meeting, call Linda at 972-937-7269 to add you name to the new list.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

These people need our prayers: Kathy Toth, Deanna Slovacek Richardson, Sandra and Marsela Montelongo, Bernard Betik, Olga Enriquez, Kelvin Blank, Ruben Monreal, Elida Alvarado, Moses Zapata, Roy Fira Jr., Nolen Dockery, Leslie & Millie Trojacek, Norma Martinez, Maria Manriquez, Pete Cruz, Wanda Slovak, Helene Valek, Mary A. Garza, Lillian Slovak, Olivia Widener, Helen Barak, Betty Zajic, Johnny Mensik, Josie, Elva, Henry and Ray Castillo, James Pustejovsky, Gary Kidder, Tommy Rickman, Frankie Joe Patak, Sandra Horrell, Geri Melvin, Sr. Edna Gonzalez, Raul Partida, Steve Betik, Frances Kozlovsky, Betty Rogala, Tony Alvarez, Evelyn Dlabaj, Claudio Amador Jr. & Sr., Joe & Mary Patak, Ruphine Patak and Jerry Dolezal.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary light, south side of sanctuary, is in memory of Agnes & Jess Lekar and Louis Valek donated by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Rogala for the week of December 4-10. Sanctuary light, north side, is in memory of Frank & Mary T. Dick.

NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

LIFE TEEN



Life Teen D-Nite

LIFE TEEN CALENDAR

DEC 5TH- MASS & LIFE NIGHT
W/SPECIAL GUEST

DEC 12TH—NO MASS & LIFE NIGHT

DEC 19TH—MASS & LIFE NIGHT

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

ALL TEENS ARE WELCOMED TO COME TO
6:30AM MASS ON WEDNESDAY
FOLLOWED BY A FREE BREAKFAST!

D-Nites

Wednesday nights 7-8:15 pm in Cafeteria
No D-Nite Dec. 8—Holy Day—Go to Mass!
Questions? Contact Joey at 972-878-8336 or
joey@stjohnncc.net

LIFE TEEN RETREAT

Who: High School 9th-12th Grades
Where: Sky Ranch in Van, Texas
When: December 31—January 2
Cost: Non-Confirmation teens \$100 (includes transportation, meals, and lodging)
Contact Joey for a weekend of lots of fun, faith, and food!

RELIGIOUS ITEMS COUNTER

The Religious Items Store/Counter has many nice items that would make great Christmas gifts. Stop by after Mass and check it out.

THANK YOU FROM DOLL BOOTH COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who donated dolls, fabric, trim, dressed the dolls, or in any way helped make the Doll Booth at the Bazaar a huge success. We really appreciate your help. The Bazaar Doll Booth Committee

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2010

Just a reminder that all charitable end-of-the-year donations to St. John Church and St. Joseph Cemetery must be dated and postmarked by December 31st to qualify for 2010 tax deductions. Thank you, and may God especially bless those who supported our parish and cemetery in 2010. We greatly appreciate your support.

BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSURES

The parish business office will close early on Monday and will be closed on Tuesday for an Advent staff retreat. The office will also be closed on Wednesday for the holy day of obligation, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Office will reopen on Thursday at 8:00 am.

WINTER WALKERS

Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 7, come to the St. John gym each Tuesday and Wednesday night from 6-8 pm to walk. Keep healthy, keep warm. Any children **must** be accompanied by a parent and supervised. For more info, call Joan Johnson, 214-728-6160. Sponsored by KJZT Society #16.



(note from Schola Cantorum)

Dear Fr. John,
On behalf of the Assumption Seminary Schola Cantorum I wish to thank you and your parishioners for your generosity and hospitality when we visited your parish.

We will remember you in prayer on our pilgrimage.

Sincerely in Christ, Amy Juberbueler

(St. John collection for the Schola Cantorum was \$2,476.07).

“Let the Children come to me, do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”
Mark 10:14

Children's Christmas Play

Sponsored by Children's Religious Education

December 21, Tuesday
7PM in the Cafeteria

All are welcome

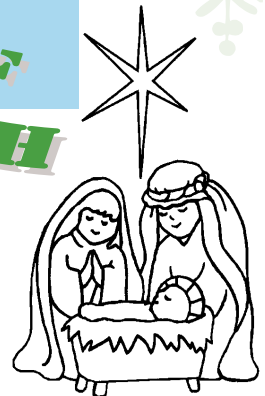
Is your child interested in participating?

Contact Annette Wright, (972) 875-9650

MUSIC

THE STORY OF
CHRIST'S BIRTH

CAROLS



Give a Birthday present to Jesus for His house this Christmas!

The three Kings brought gifts to Jesus, recognizing that the birth of the Savior outweighed their own wants. They gave of what they had for Him.

\$172 for a cushion to cover half a pew
\$344 for cushions to cover an entire pew

Pay here:

- Parish Office,
- at Mass collection in the special envelopes (available in church),
- online at www.stjohncc.net



Donate the money for the purchase of cushions for the pews in our church.

Donate a pew cushion in memory of someone.

All donations and memorials will be listed
in the bulletin during the Christmas season.

BASSANO, Jacopo
Adoration of the Magi
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ST JOHN CATHOLIC CHARITY

"I was hungry and
you gave me food,
I was thirsty and
you gave me drink,
a stranger and you
welcomed me,
naked and you
clothed me,
ill and you
cared for me,
in prison and you
visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36

**"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these
least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)**

Emergency Lodging, Food, Gasoline	\$ 760.69
St. John Youth to Washington DC	
Pro-Life Rally-January 2010	1200.00
St. Benedict Food Kitchen/Ft. Worth – Franciscan	
Friars spoke at Life Teen	2500.00
Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner Dallas/Funds the White	
Rose Center/Abortion Counselors/	3000.00
Holy Trinity Seminary/Dallas	2500.00
Chapa Family Emergency Fund/Tornado Relief	1000.00

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE EDGE

The **EDGE** is an exciting program that meets the needs of Junior High youth through games, skits, music, and much *more!* Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am in Cafeteria. Any questions/comments, call Joey Scancella(972) 878-8336 joeys@stjohncc.net or Joe & Sheila Galetka 972-935-5686

ALTAR CARE FOR DECEMBER

Angelina Martinez
Juanita Tapia

Rosa Sanchez
Betty Macalik

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PLAQUES

The Knights of Columbus will sell "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnetic plaques for \$5.00 each after all Masses this weekend.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR PRIESTS

In the event of a real emergency, call Fr. John Dick, 903-624-6114, or Fr. Antonio Ormaza, 469-831-0607. For day to day questions or concerns, and to make appointments, please call the business office phone number, 972-878-2834 or 972-875-2834.

HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, Dec. 7, Vigil Mass, 6:30 pm in Spanish
Wed., Dec. 8, 6:30 am & 12:05 & 6:30 pm (English)
Epiphany Mission Mass: 7:00 pm Dec. 8

ENNIS REGIONAL HOSPITAL BLOOD DRIVE

Ennis Regional Hospital will sponsor a Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 8, from 12:00-6:00 pm on the hospital parking lot by the flagpoles. Contact Jeanna Gilmore for more info at 469-256-2441.

For signup times and guidelines/qualifications, go to carter-bloodcare.org or call 1-800-DONATE4. Walk-ins are welcome but those with appointments will be taken first. All registered donors through December 22 are entered to win gift cards valued at \$100 & \$500 daily.

Give blood in December and get 2 platinum level tickets for the price of one to see Dallas Mavericks in action! Plus, you will automatically be entered to win two suite tickets to Feb. 7 Mavericks game. So hurry in and give one for the team!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offered their lives in service to others, often ministering for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and health care. Your tax-deductible donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports thousands of elder sisters, brother and religious order priests. Please give generously to next week's second collection.